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The Order of Exercises

Winter Commencement Ceremonies
December 20, 2024
Chester Fritz Performing Arts Center
President Andrew P. Armacost, Presiding

Pre-Ceremony Concert
Roxanne Gessler, Pianist

Processional
"Pomp and Circumstance" — *Edward Elgar*
Please stand during the Processional.

"America the Beautiful" — *Samuel Ward*
Ella Henry, Soloist

Greetings from the State Board of Higher Education
Casey Ryan, SBHE Chair

Remarks
Nicole Poolman
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Conferring of Academic Degrees
President Andrew P. Armacost

Ceremony for Professional & Graduate Degrees
— 9 a.m.
School of Law — Juris Doctor Degrees —3
School of Graduate Studies — Doctoral Degrees —3
School of Graduate Studies — Master's Degrees — 7

Ceremony for Undergraduate Degrees
— 1 p.m.
College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines — 15
School of Medicine & Health Sciences — 16
College of Engineering & Mines — 16
College of Arts & Sciences — 17

Ceremony for Undergraduate Degrees
— 4 p.m.
College of Education & Human Development — 19
Nistler College of Business & Public Administration — 19
John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences — 21

Alumni Association
DeAnna Carlson Zink
UND Alumni Association & Foundation

"Alma Mater" — *Franz Joseph Haydn*
The Assemblage
Led by soloist, Ella Henry
Please stand

Hail to thee, O Alma Mater!
Hail to thee with heart and tongue!
Pride we feel and love yet greater
While we raise our grateful song.
Home of lofty thought and learning,
Beacon o'er our western land,
Shrine whence still the ever-burning
Torch is passed from hand to hand.

Recessional
Roxanne Gessler, Pianist

Academic Pageantry

The pageantry of American colleges and universities, including such ceremonies as commencement, has been inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries. Academic life as it is known today began in the Middle Ages, first in the church and then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, in which the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility.

The ceremony you will witness today will be less formal than would have been the case even a few decades ago. Still, many traditions have been continued. To maintain continuity with the past, University of North Dakota faculty, the stage officials and the degree candidates will wear academic dress.

Principal features of academic garb are the gown, cap and hood. Early it became necessary for universities to set rules to preserve the dignity and meaning of academic dress. Both Cambridge and Oxford since the 15th century have made academic dress a matter of university control even to its minor details, and have repeatedly published revised regulations. American universities agreed on a definite system in 1895.

Academic Dress

The Gown

The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While it originally may have been worn as protection against the chill of unheated buildings, it has today become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any trappings of rank or social standing underneath. It is black for all degrees, with pointed sleeves for the bachelor's degree recipient, long closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for the master's degree, or full bell double sleeves for the doctoral degree. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

The Cap

The academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship, and of the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Ancient poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book. The color of the tassel denotes the discipline. At the University of North Dakota, the tassel colors associated with academic divisions are: **white**, College of Arts & Sciences; **drab** (subdued orange), Nistler College of Business & Public Administration; **black and white**, John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences; **light blue**, College of Education & Human Development; **orange**, School of Engineering & Mines; **purple**, School of Law; **green**, School of Medicine; **apricot**, College of Nursing; **black**, School of Graduate Studies & Professional Disciplines. For undergraduate students, the tassels hang on the right side of the cap until they receive their degrees, at which time the tassel is moved to the left. For master's and doctoral students, the tassel hangs on the left side of the cap and is not moved.

The Hood

The hood is trimmed with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college which granted the degree. The official colors of the University of North Dakota, selected by the student body in preparation for the institution's first commencement in 1889, are the pink and green of the prairie rose.

Ceremonial Objects

The Mace

The mace was initially modeled after a 12th century implement of war. In earlier days, the mace, or heavy staff, was borne by or carried before a magistrate or other dignitary as an ensign of authority. A mace is placed as the symbol of royal authority on the treasury table in the British House of Commons at the opening of each session and is removed at its close. In the U.S. House or Representatives, it is a rather plain staff mounted in a marble pedestal at the right hand of the Speaker. The mace of the University of North Dakota symbolizes authority to carry out its mission, especially the granting of degrees. Made from the oak of the University's first building, "Old Main," the mace is carried by a marshal during academic processions and is placed at a prominent spot on the stage during commencement.

The Medallion

A medallion or seal of office worn by the head of an educational institution is a practice that also dates to the Middle Ages. In those times, a seal was used to mark documents as official. Possession of the seal was so important that it was usually worn around the neck for safekeeping. The wearing of the seal eventually became a symbol of authority. One side of the medallion worn by the president bears an engraving of the University's official seal and the names of all former presidents are included on the chain of office.

The Charter

The University of North Dakota was founded six years before North Dakota became a state. The original, handwritten charter, enacted in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly, is preserved in UND's archives. One facsimile is displayed in the President's Office and another is used at commencements and other special occasions.

The University Flag

The University flag features the UND flame logo set on a white background. The flag is used at ceremonial events and is carried by the honorary faculty flag marshal to lead the commencement procession. The flag is displayed on the stage during the commencement ceremony along with the mace and charter.

The Awarding of Degrees

The awarding of degrees and academic distinctions listed in this program is contingent upon successful completion of the various program requirements. Commencement ceremonies at UND are planned through Ceremonies & University Events in the Division of Marketing & Communications.

Ceremony for Professional, Doctoral & Master's Degrees
Friday, December 20 — 9 a.m.

School of Law
Brian Pappas, Dean

Juris Doctor

Alfred Amuzu
Knoxville, MD
Law

Derek Matthew Chamberlain
Grand Forks, ND
Law

Michelle Ann Kessler
Glen Ullin, ND
Law

Avi Mann
Grand Forks, ND
Law

Savannah F. Muth
Theresa, WI
Law

School of Graduate Studies: Doctoral Degrees
Chris Nelson, Dean

Aerospace Sciences
Robert Kraus, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Seth Ronald Fore
Minneapolis, MN
Earth System Science & Policy
Dissertation: The Impact of Land Use and Land Cover Change on Vegetation, Ecosystem Dynamics, and Conservation in the Northern Great Plains
Advisor: Michael Hill

Blake T. Sorenson
La Crosse, WI
Atmospheric Sciences
Dissertation: Observational Analyses of Aerosol Radiative Impacts on Weather and Climate Scales
Advisor: Jianglong Zhang

Jacob N. Yates
San Diego, CA
Aerospace Sciences
Dissertation: Characterizing the Risk of Meteoroid Ejecta to Future Lunar Surface Operations
Advisor: James Casler

Arts & Sciences
Brad Rundquist, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Amy Kielmeyer
Grand Forks, ND
English
Dissertation: Life in Sitcoms: Episodes in Love and Loss
Advisor: Sharon Carson

Kathryn Margaret Lang
Nora Springs, IA
Clinical Psychology
Dissertation: Psychology Graduate Student Experiences, Social Support, and Mental Health
Advisor: Richard Wise

Anne Marques Catarin
Grand Forks, ND
Music Education
Dissertation: Cyclical Musicians: Collegiate Music Students' Experiences On Instrumental Musicking Processes Across The Menstrual Cycle
Advisor: Whitney Mayo

Di Sun
Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry
Dissertation: Development of Fluorescent-Based Nanoparticles for Bioimaging, Gene Regulation Expression, and Photo-Induced Synergistic Cancer Therapy
Advisor: Julia Xiaojun Zhao

Wen Sun
Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry
Dissertation: Nanoparticles: Applications for Energy Innovation
Advisor: Julia Xiaojun Zhao

Yingfen Wu
Grand Forks, ND
Chemistry
Dissertation: Development, Characterization, and Application of Nanomaterials for Target Detection and Therapeutic Study
Advisor: Julia Xiaojun Zhao

School of Graduate Studies: Doctoral Degrees

Education & Human Development
Shelbie Witte, Dean

Doctor of Education

Motunrayo Oluwayemisi Adeosun
Twickenham, EN
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: "How Can I Teach When I Was not Taught How?": Teacher Education for Mother Tongue Instruction for STEM in Southwest Nigeria
Advisor: Radomir Mitic

Lewis Robert James Archer
Grand Forks, ND
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Impact of Delphi-Developed Rubrics on Rater Consistency in 14 CFR 141 Flight Training Assessment Environments
Advisor: Woei Hung

Brianna J. Black
Grand Forks, ND
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Division I Female Business Student-Athletes and Career Readiness During their Academic Careers at a 4-Year Institution
Advisor: Radomir Mitic

Keon Andre Cheong
Houston, TX
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Realizing the Role of Interdisciplinary Practices in Psycho-Educational Assessment for Learners with Special Education Needs/Disabilities in Guyana
Advisor: Shannon Grave

Erica Marie Denault
Grand Forks, ND
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: An Indigenous Approach to Professional Development Program Evaluation for PK-12 Educators
Advisor: Deborah Worley

Christina Ann DiMauro
Newark, DE
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: A Thematic Analysis of Experiences with Accommodation Plans of College Students with Disabilities: Recommendations for Students, Faculty, and Administrators
Advisor: Zarrina Azizova

Catherine Gillach
Grand Forks, ND
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: The Positivity Principle: Investigating a School Administrator Training Series Designed to Promote Systemic Positivity
Advisor: Donna Pearson

Christopher Thomas Jones
Farmington, NM
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Investigating the Relationship Between Teachers' State Evaluation Rating and Their Classroom-based Assessment Practices and Systems
Advisor: Laura Link

Sarah Ann Kallock
Larimore, ND
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Using High-Impact Practices to Support Online Students in Two-Year and Four-Year Institutions
Advisor: Jared Schlenker

Igor Ljevaja
Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Targeting World Language Learning in the Target Language: A Qualitative Inquiry of the K-12 Foreign Language Teacher Experience
Advisor: Julie Robinson

Briana Denise Miller
Mankato, MN
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Developing Inclusive Practices through Peer Coaching in College Science Teaching
Advisor: Julie Robinson

Lara Christine Storm
Los Osos, CA
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Elementary Teacher Instructional Self-Efficacy in Leader in Me Lighthouse Schools
Advisor: Laura Link

Andrea Rachelle Volk
East Grand Forks,
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Examining School Staff Perceptions in Supporting Students who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication Systems Before and After a Professional Development Opportunity
Advisor: Shannon Grave

Melodie Williams
Walla Walla, WA
Educational Practice and Leadership
Dissertation: Barriers to Faculty Adoption of Assessment: A Case Study in Engineering
Advisor: Deborah Worley

Doctor of Philosophy

Mandi-Leigh Maren Peterson
Hillsboro, ND
Educational Foundations & Research
Dissertation: Behavioral Health Workforce Modeling to Assist in Prioritizing Educational Pathways Programs in North Dakota
Advisor: Robert Stupnisky

Maylynn Riding In
East Grand Forks, MN
Educational Foundations & Research
Dissertation: Risk Factor Patterns for Elder Abuse among United States Indigenous Peoples: Native Elder Maltreatment Survey Secondary Data Analysis
Advisor: Virginia Clinton-Lisell

Shane Ervin Schellpfeffer
Grand Forks, ND
Educational Foundations & Research
Dissertation: An Analysis of Curricular Complexity Patterns in Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Programs Using Federally Reported Data
Advisor: Robert Stupnisky

Engineering & Mines
Brian Tande, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

Mansurat Golden Abdulmalik Ali
Grand Forks, ND
Environmental Engineering
Dissertation: Spectrometric Detection of Microplastics in the Environment: A Novel Approach Using Hyperspectral Imaging System
Advisor: Mahmut Ersan

Mulugeta Damtew Amare
Grand Forks, ND
Civil Engineering
Dissertation: Integrated Approaches for Assessing Four-Leg Signalized Intersection Safety: Statistical Modeling and Machine Learning Techniques
Advisor: Daba Gedafa

Lauren Patrice Bram
Bridgeville, PA
Environmental Engineering
Dissertation: Evaluation of Socioeconomic Disparities from Coal Mining and Sustainable Remediation of Acid Mine Drainage Using Waste Carpet Tiles: A Geospatial and Life Cycle Assessment Approach
Advisor: Bethany Klemetsrud

Samuel Ertl
Mankato, MN
Energy Engineering
Dissertation: Advisor Impacts on Student Learning in Undergraduate Engineering SAE Competition Projects
Advisor: Frank Bowman

Nadhem Abdulhameed Ismail
Grand Forks, ND
Chemical Engineering
Dissertation: Rational Design of Engineered Soft Materials for Mineral Scale Control: Synthesis, Characterization, and Performance Evaluation
Advisor: Ali Saleh Alshami

Aaron Robert Virgil Koenig
Rice, MN
Chemical Engineering
Dissertation: Methods and Process Designs for Improving the Operations and Economics of Energy Storage and Carbon Dioxide Capture Systems
Advisor: Gautham Krishnamoorthy

Shane S. Namie
Pomeroy, WA
Geological Engineering
Dissertation: The Reservoir Geomechanics and Production Effects on Permafrost Stability During Polymer EOR
Advisor: Dongmei Wang

Ruichong Ni
Grand Forks, ND
Petroleum Engineering
Dissertation: Petrophysical and Geomechanical Alterations During Supercritical CO2 Submerge: Laboratory Testing on Samples from the Middle Bakken
Advisor: Kegang Ling

School of Graduate Studies: Doctoral Degrees

Doctor of Philosophy, *continued*

Ademola Adebayo Owoade
Winnipeg, MB
Chemical Engineering
Dissertation: The Role of Carbon Source and Redox Potential on Microbial C1 Gas Fermentation for Ethanol Production
Advisor: Ali Saleh Alshami

Jerjes Washington Porlles Hurtado
Katy, TX
Energy Engineering
Dissertation: Hydraulic Fracturing and Reservoir Simulation Modeling of Enhanced Geothermal System Optimization for Economical Energy Production
Advisor: William Gosnold

Mitchell Erik Olstad Sueker
Marshall, MN
Biomedical Engineering
Dissertation: Handheld Multimodal Point Spectroscopy, RGB Imaging, and Fusion Artificial Intelligence to Determine the Species and Freshness of Fish Fillets
Advisor: Hossein Kashani Zadeh

Kemi Taiwo
Grand Forks, ND
Energy Engineering
Dissertation: Evaluation of Hydrogen Storage Potential in Depleted Hydrocarbon Formations: A Case Study of the Middle Bakken Member in the Antelope Field, Williston Basin, North Dakota
Advisor: Olusegun Stanley Tomomewo

Jin Zhao
Grand Forks, ND
Petroleum Engineering
Dissertation: Investigation of Gas Injection EOR in Conventional and Unconventional Reservoirs Based on Laboratory Experiments and Field Pilot Tests
Advisor: Kegang Ling

Medicine & Health Sciences
Marjorie Jenkins, Dean

Doctor of Philosophy

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Grand Forks, ND
Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation: PARP1 Modulates GATA3-Mediated Gene Regulation in Breast Cancer
Advisor: Motoki Takaku

Wendie Ann Hasler
East Grand Forks,
Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation: Endolysosmal Mechanisms of SARS-COV-2 Spiked-Induced Inflammatory Response and Senescence in Human Astrocytes
Advisor: Xuesong Chen

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Browning, MT
Indigenous Health
Dissertation: Applied Indigenous Knowledge Translation: Naatookyookaasii
Advisor: Nicole Redvers

Neda Rezagholizadeh
Grand Forks, ND
Biomedical Sciences
Dissertation: The Role of Endolysosomes in HIV-1 Tat-induced Senescence-like Phenotype in Astrocytes
Advisor: Xuesong Chen

Jacob Nelson Taylor
Thunder Bay, ON
Indigenous Health
Dissertation: Indigenous Innovation: Exploring Substance Use and Drone Applications in Indigenous Contexts Across Canada
Advisor: Shawnda Schroeder

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Counseling

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Special Education

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Robert Lynn Lawrence
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Mikhaela Hope Miller
Norwalk, CT
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Hankinson, ND
Special Education

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East Grand Forks, MN
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Kinesiology

Jerica Lee Smith
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Teaching and Leadership

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Special Education

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Chemical Engineering

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Data Science

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Electrical Engineering

Ali Akber Mollick
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Mechanical Engineering

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Geological Engineering

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Mechanical Engineering

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Environmental Engr

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Energy Engineering

Imteaz Osmani
Grand Forks, ND
Mechanical Engineering

Ian Isaac Picklo
Grand Forks, ND
Electrical Engineering

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Computer Science

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Electrical Engineering

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Electrical Engineering

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Chemical Engineering

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Biomedical Engineering

School of Graduate Studies: Master's Degrees

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Public Health

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Public Health

Master of Science

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We acknowledge the people who resided here for generations and recognize that the spirit of the Ojibwe and Oyate people permeates this land. As a university community, we will continue to build upon our relations with the First Nations of the State of North Dakota - the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Nation, Spirit Lake Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.

Commencement Speaker

Nicole Poolman

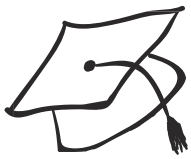
Nicole Poolman grew up in Farmington, Minnesota, and graduated from the University of North Dakota with a degree in English and Secondary Education. She has spent the last 27 years in the classroom, teaching at Grand Forks Red River, Mandan, and Bismarck Century High Schools.

After many years of volunteering for political campaigns, in 2012 she became a candidate herself and was elected to the North Dakota State Senate representing North Bismarck, serving in that office for a decade.

Her work in the ND State Senate included sponsorship of bills to assist victims of domestic violence and human trafficking, increase government efficiency, provide major infrastructure to the West, and reduce personal and corporate income taxes.

She has also been a champion for children and public education with bills to provide safety grants to local school districts, help young people consolidate their student loans with the creation of the DEAL program, and provide early childhood education funding for at-risk children. She also worked to provide greater access to post-secondary educational programs for young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Nicole retired from the senate in 2022.

She has served on many boards and commissions, and recently served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Anne Carlsen organization. She and her husband, Jim, are small business owners and have three adult children: Collin, Grace, and Nick.



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University Marshals

A UND faculty member, chosen from the ranks of the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professors, carries the University flag and leads the commencement procession.

Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal
9 A.M.

Dr. Chih Ming Tan
Professor of Applied Economics

Dr. Chih Ming Tan is a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor and the Page Endowed Chair in Applied Economics at the Department of Economics & Finance, Nistler College of Business & Public Administration (NCoBPA). He is the first Associate Dean for Research at NCoBPA and has been in that role since October 2019. From 2016 to 2022, he served as the director of the Master of Science in Applied Economics and Predictive Analytics (MSAEPA) program.

Since joining UND in 2013, Tan has taught macroeconomics and econometrics courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Tan's research in applied econometrics examines income inequality and mobility, economic growth, and global health. Regarded as a seminal expert in his field, Tan was an early proponent of applying machine learning methods to uncovering endogenous social groupings in preferences for redistribution policies in the US, convergence clubs in economic growth across countries, and, more recently, poverty traps in mobility processes in the US. He was one of the first to investigate the impact of early exposure to famine on later life cognitive development in Sub-Saharan Africa (Ghana). He has since studied the long-run impact of early health shocks on later life cognitive and mental health outcomes in a variety of other settings (China, India, Indonesia, and Mexico).

Tan is a prolific scholar and had authored over 20 peer-reviewed journal articles during his time at UND. His work has appeared in both leading general interest journals and top field journals in the discipline of economics, including the *Annual Review of Economics, Economic Journal*, the *European Economic Review*, the *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics*, the *Journal of Population Economics*, the *Journal of Public Economics*, the *Journal of Health Economics, Econometric Theory*, the *Journal of Applied Econometrics*, the *Oxford Bulletin of Economics & Statistics*, and more. His citations from these and other journal publications number in the thousands.

Since 2018, Tan has served as associate editor for the China Economic Review. He is an affiliate scholar of the James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility at the University of Chicago, a network member of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group at the University of Chicago, and a senior fellow of the Rimini Center for Economic Analysis in Italy.

Tan has been a principal investigator on several grants and received a Meritorious Research Award from the NCoBPA in 2016. Tan is a referee for numerous journals and has evaluated proposals for grant agencies including the National Science Foundation, the Economic and Social Research Council (UK), and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada).

Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal
1 P.M.

Dr. Daphne Pedersen
Professor of Sociology

Dr. Daphne Pedersen joined the UND faculty in 2004 and was named Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2021. An engaged researcher and teacher, she received the UND Foundation/Bertin C. Gamble Award for Individual Excellence in Teaching in 2007 and the Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Research or Creative Activity, and Service in 2018. She served as President of Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society, and was Co-Editor of The Social Science Journal. She currently serves on the editorial board of Teaching Sociology, the premier journal in her discipline devoted to teaching, and helps organize and lead an annual teaching and learning workshop for sociologists. Dr. Pedersen's research interests include the sociology of health, and how work and stress processes shape individual well-being.

A first-generation college student, Dr. Pedersen earned her undergraduate and doctoral degrees in Utah, and master's degree in Minnesota. She currently serves as Associate Dean in the College of Arts & Sciences.

Honorary Faculty Flag Marshal
4 P.M.

Dr. Sean Valentine
Professor of Entrepreneurship & Management

Dr. Sean Valentine is a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor, the Eugene Dahl Innovation & Character Endowed Chair, and Professor of Management and Chair of the Middleton School of Entrepreneurship & Management in the Nistler College of Business & Public Administration. He joined the UND faculty in 2008 and was named a UND Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in 2020. His research interests include business ethics, workplace misconduct, human resource management, and organizational behavior, and his work has appeared in journals such as *Human Resource Management, Human Relations, Journal of Business Ethics, Journal of Business Research, Business & Society, Contemporary Accounting Research, and Behavioral Research in Accounting.*

University Student Marshals

A tradition since the early years of the University of North Dakota, students serve as the honorary marshals and ushers for commencement exercises.

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Trinity Blair
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Michael Mickey
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Lorraine Toumou
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The Mace of the University

The ceremonial mace was first a practical weapon intended to protect the king and borne by the Sergeants-at-Arms, a royal bodyguard. The history of the civic mace begins about the middle of the 13th century. Since about the 15th century, universities have displayed a mace as a symbol of both internal authority and the independence of the scholarly tradition.

The mace of the University of North Dakota came into being at the direction of George W. Starcher, president from 1954 to 1971. In 1963 he approached Alvin Rudisill, chairman of the Industrial Arts Department, with the idea of creating a mace with materials from "Old Main," UND's first building. Condemned for decades for its severe structural deficiencies, Old Main was being demolished as administrative offices had moved to the newly completed Twamley Hall.

Rudisill turned to one of his students, Dennis Kulas, who was also pursuing a minor in art. Kulas crafted a mace in wood and then a second, when some thought the first might be too heavy for ceremonial use. The first one is the mace that has been carried at the front of all commencement ceremonies since.

Kulas explained the artistic ideas he incorporated into his design:

> "The theme used for making the mace was like a drop of water falling into a body of water, its effects sending out ripples throughout the water. Likewise, a little learning affects everyone by sending out knowledge to all four corners of the Earth, hence the design. The globe: symbolizing the Earth. The rings: symbolizing a drop of knowledge ever spreading throughout the Earth. The four spikes: emphasizing the four corners of the Earth."

The second mace used the same theme, but the globe was hollowed out to make it lighter by using recessed rings.

"Old Main," 1958

Ceremony for Undergraduate Degrees
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Caleb Michael Bonness
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Nursing

Jaycee Nicole Bonness
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Nursing

Paige Allie Brandner *
East Grand Forks, MN
Nursing

Emily Burgess
Bemidji, MN
Nursing

Ella Eggers ***
East Grand Forks, MN
Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Nursing

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Amanda Saxerud **
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Nursing

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Nursing

Kathryn Jean Stenberg ***
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Nursing

Alexis Janet Thomas
Devils Lake, ND
Nursing

Mason Urlacher
West Fargo, ND
Nursing

Emma Elizabeth Vandekieft **
Champlin, MN
Nursing

Paige Wickum
Grand Forks, ND
Nursing

Anika Dawn Wilhelmi
Devils Lake, ND
Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Social Work

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Sarah Marie Tobin
Missileer

Major Jared Budenski
Professor of Military Science

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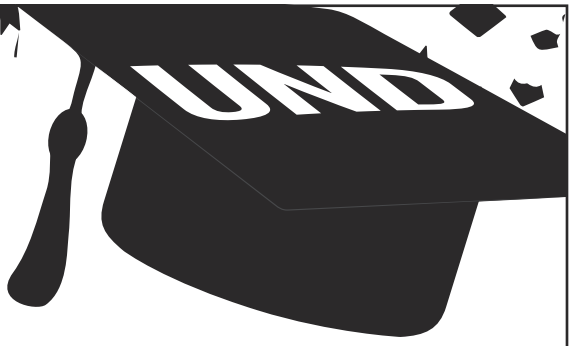

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Complete the survey to be included in a drawing for a $250 Amazon gift card - winner drawn one month after graduation.

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Ground Breaking Ceremony

With help from more than 150,000 proud alumni, UND's traditions have endured for more than a century. Our history is colorful and diverse. From educators to political leaders and astronauts, our alumni credit UND for their successes. Here are some facts:

- UND was founded in 1883 by the Dakota Territorial Assembly — six years before North Dakota became a state.
- The cornerstone for Old Main — UND's first building and where the Eternal Flame in the Old Main Memorial Plaza now stands — was laid in the fall of 1883.
- As part of its evolution into a full-fledged, multi-purpose University, UND added research and the instruction of graduate students (the first master's degree was awarded in 1895) before the end of the 19th century.
- Four faculty members met the 11 students who entered the University on opening day, September 8, 1884.
- Three U.S. Presidents have visited campus: Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan.
- The first class of eight students graduated on June 13, 1889.
- Unlike most state institutions of higher education west of the Mississippi, UND did not begin as an agricultural school or as a teachers college. It was organized initially as a College of Arts & Sciences, with a Normal School for the education of teachers.

Presidents of the University

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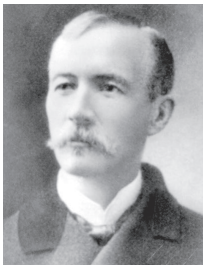
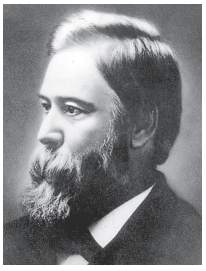
1884 — 1885



Henry Montgomery
1885 — 1887 (Acting)



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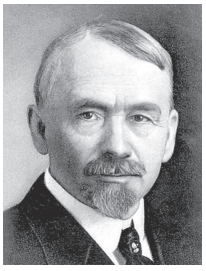

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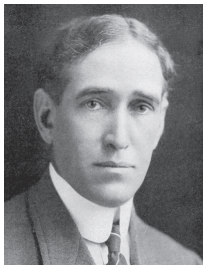


Frank L. McVey
1909 — 1917

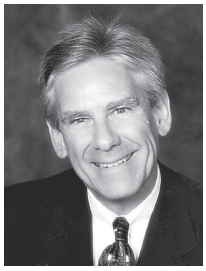
Earle J. Babcock
1917 — 1918 (Interim)

Thomas F. Kane
1918 — 1933

John C. West
1933 — 1954

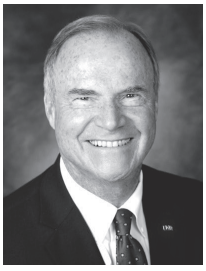
George W. Starcher
1954 — 1971

Thomas J. Clifford
1971 — 1992



Kendall L. Baker
1992 — 1999

Charles E. Kupchella
1999 — 2008



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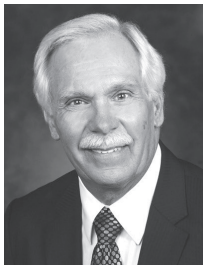
2008 — 2016



Edward T. Schafer
2016 (Interim)

Mark R. Kennedy
2016 — 2019

Joshua Wynne
2019 — 2020 (Interim)

Andrew Armacost
2020 — present

The First Commencement

The following is excerpted from University of the Northern Plains, *the history of the University of North Dakota written by Louis G. Geiger and published in 1958 as part of the University's 75th anniversary celebration.*

A major milestone in student affairs, as well as in the University's history, was the graduation of the first college class in 1889. A faculty committee was appointed in February to plan the exercises. In April the student body met and chose the school colors, the pink and green of the prairie rose, "suggestive of our green prairies and rosy prospects." On June 13, a cool, fair day, the ceremony began at ten o'clock in the University assembly hall, which had been decorated with flags and flowers and a large "89" centerpiece. A capacity crowd of students and spectators (perhaps as many as 250) was on hand as the graduates — "the ladies ... dressed in white" and "the gentlemen ... neatly attired" — marched to their places on the stage to the accompaniment of music by *[W. W.]* Hall's Cadet Band. Special guests were the Regents, H. M. Mellette, governor of the Territory, several other territorial officials *[North Dakota did not attain statehood until November 2, 1889]*, and Nehemiah Ordway, who as governor had signed the organic act of the University. [President Homer B.] Sprague presided and introduced the speakers. Mellette observed that it was a "Red River letter day." Ordway spoke with pride and feeling on the University's founding. One of the Regents relieved the occasion with a touch of unconscious humor when he explained: "As to the faculty we have done the best we could with the money at hand." Following the official commemoration of the occasion, the main part of the program began; there were essays and orations presented by each of the eight graduates, six from the college and two from the four-year normal course; Frances M. Allen (B.A.), Clinton S. DeGroat (B.S.), Ben E. Ingwaldson (B.S.), Cora Smith (B.S.), Marie Teel (B.S.), May Travis (B.A.), and Genevieve Arnold and Irene Mares (normal certificates). The orations, on current as well as literary and moral subjects, were printed in full in the Grand Forks newspapers.

The University of North Dakota graduated its first class on June 13, 1889. Seated: Frances M. Allen, B.A.; May Travis, B.A.; Genevieve Arnold, Normal Certificate; and Marie Teel, B.S. Standing: Irene Mares, Normal Certificate; Clinton S. DeGroat, B.S.; Cora Smith, B.S., and Ben E. Ingwaldson, B.S.

The Main Building and Ladies' Hall (later Davis Hall)

Three of the college graduates were from Grand Forks; none had come from farther than Hillsboro. Not one had been born in North Dakota; Ben Ingwaldson had been born in Norway. In the class of 1890, of seven college graduates, four were from Grand Forks, three were women, and six took the science degree. A considerable proportion of the early graduates entered medicine, law, or teaching. Cora Smith, a member of the first class, took a degree in medicine at Boston University; Mary Crans of the second class completed the course in dentistry at the University of Michigan. Ben Ingwaldson went on to the University of Minnesota law school. North Dakota's first appointee to West Point, Joseph Travis, graduated in the class of 1890.

Congratulations and Best Wishes

The University of North Dakota is proud to recognize the accomplishments of its graduates and to extend best wishes to them, their families and loved ones.

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